



# Leading the way

UD’s Fitz Center for Leadership involves students in service, leadership projects connecting them to Dayton community

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UD’s Fitz Center for Leadership in Community engages students in various service leadership roles throughout the area, which may have an impact on whether or not they stay in Dayton after graduation.

The Fitz Center’s mission revolves around fostering partnerships with urban neighborhoods and other communities to help with community building, learning and scholarship. The center strives to work for a better Dayton.

Douglas “Dusty” Hall, manager of program development at the Miami Conservancy District, recognized that getting students involved in the area and connecting them to Dayton may keep them in the area well after graduation.

“Dusty’s article in the Dayton Daily News was a precise explanation of a phenomenon important to Dayton’s future,” Dick Ferguson, executive director of the Fitz Center, said. “Our programs are



Senior Kylee Looser assists students at the East End Community Center (left), and senior Megan McPherson works with students on arts and crafts at the Dakota Center. Both students participated in Semester of Service. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY FITZ CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY.

about service learning in Dayton, not about getting students to stay after graduation, but Dusty saw that if people are involved in these programs, learning, leading and serving, then they may have a stronger connection to Dayton.”

The Fitz Center provides students with techniques to lead in community building. Some of the UD programs include the Rivers Institute, Semester of Service, Dayton Civic Scholars and Dayton’s Neighborhood School Centers. A seminar is offered, as well, entitled “Leadership in Building Communities.”

UD students participating in service learning programs are going out into Dayton to work with community leaders. They are working with nonprofit organizations, public schools and Dayton’s watershed system with the goal of reconnecting Dayton.

Beth Geiger, a senior psychology major, participated in a semester of service program during the summer. She worked for Adventure Central, an afterschool and summer program for underprivileged and inner-city children.

“It was the best decision I made while being at UD,” Geiger said.

“It challenged me to change my opinions about people and the city of Dayton. I used to think Dayton was so boring, but I no longer live in the UD college bubble.”

The Fitz Center programs provide students with invaluable experience and insight into how to build and strengthen a community, especially through mutual self-interest and consensus organizing.

Core objectives of the Fitz Center focus on community assets, relationships, balance between inquiry and advocacy, development of communities to change and

adapt and the creation of a shared vision, Ferguson said.

The Rivers Institute and the Fitz Center are highly regarded together and both were the focus of Hall’s article. The Rivers Institute supports about 40 students that span 15 disciplines. These students are getting out on the water in hopes of bringing Dayton back to the rivers.

“I’ve seen how much the River Stewards enjoy river-based recreation and UD students need to understand that they have a signifi

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## Oakwood community supports UD, asks for weekend respect

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Oakwood residents support UD students and hope for an open avenue of communication with them: all they ask for in return is respect.

Junior Charles Sizemore, a neighborhood fellow on Irving, is one of the students working

to strengthen the relationship between students and Oakwood residents. He and other students have been holding meetings with them to resolve some major issues.

“The meetings are conducted through the ResLife neighborhood staff and Oakwood [residents],” Sizemore said. “They

[the meetings] are to bring about an opportunity to build community with the Oakwood residents, because they are a part of UD due to their proximity.”

Sizemore enjoys talking to Oakwood residents and encourages students to reach out to them.

“The Oakwood residents are

really nice people, just like the students,” he said.

When asked how students can help better the relationship with Oakwood residents, Sizemore suggests students simply introduce themselves, step across Irving Avenue and get to know the UD community’s neighbors.

When it comes to being con-

siderate, Oakwood residents do not mind parties on campus, but would like students to be more respectful because they have families to raise and jobs to go to every morning.

“Most of these residents have small children and also wish

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## OAKWOOD

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to preserve the decency of their neighborhood. As a result, they feel it is only common courtesy to keep partying and anything obnoxious in the backyard and out of view,” Sizemore said. “As long as people are not crazy on the front porch or where the Oakwood residents can see, then the residents do not have a problem with students.”

Senior Jessica Ledbetter is a commuter who appreciates Oakwood’s neighborhood and understands their request for respectful parties.

“I’ve been on UD’s campus and have seen some of the parties,” she said. “Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves, but I can understand the feelings of the Oak-



With Oakwood on the left of Irving Avenue and UD student housing on the right, weekend noise travels quickly and causes some concern for Oakwood residents. RYAN KOZELKA/MANAGING EDITOR

wood [residents] wanting more peace, especially since the parties are at night.”

Not only are Oakwood residents disturbed by the noise; different students are as well. Ledbetter’s sentiments are that parties might not affect as many people if they

were inside because “this would help the neighborhood out and allows students studying to get work done,” she said.

She suggests getting to know the Oakwood residents on a more personal level.

“I mean, they are neighbors

to UD,” she said. “Oakwood is so close to UD it could practically be considered part of the neighborhood.”

The most important aspect to this relationship between UD students and Oakwood residents is giving respect, Sizemore said.

Contrary to what many students believe, “they really do value our education,” he said.

“As long as each side of the street respects each other, then there are no problems between students or resident,” Sizemore said.

## FITZ CENTER

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cant role in defining the future of the region,” Hall said. “The Fitz Center’s programs for community leadership are a great, fabulous model for other academic institutions as well as public and private sectors.”

Young, talented college graduates are needed in any work force and for the Fitz Center to have an indirect role in students staying here after graduation is substan-

tial.

“We want students to go where their heart is,” Ferguson said. “In the long-term, it is important for Dayton’s future that some graduates feel a connection here and want to stay. We need members of the creative class to stay and UD has brought a lot of talent into Ohio over the years.”

The Fitz Center supports many students in their endeavors to serve and lead in the Dayton community. The Semester of Service funds 20 UD students a year, Day-

“I used to think Dayton was so boring, but I no longer live in the UD college bubble.”

Beth Geiger, Senior Psychology

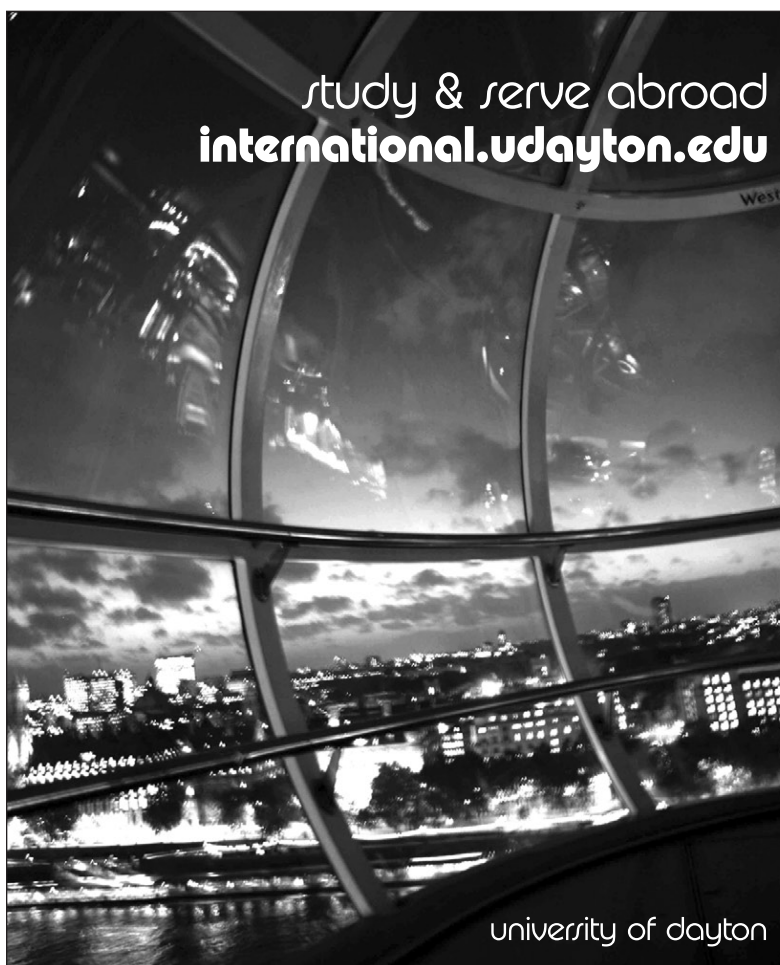
ton Civic Scholars has 30 students, and Dayton Neighborhood School Centers has around 15 students.

In May 2009 the University of Dayton was honored by Neighborhoods USA for the Fitz Center’s work in positively impacting Dayton neighborhoods.

Since the Fitz Center for Leadership in Communities opened in 2001, it has had a significant influence in service as well as leadership at UD and throughout the Dayton community.

The Fitz Center for Leadership

was named after Brother Ray Fitz, the former president of UD for 23 years, to honor his commitment to the community and providing service to the community. The center was named after Bro. Ray after he stepped down as president. To get more information on how to get involved in the Fitz Center’s service activities, go to <http://www.udayton.edu/artssciences/fitzcenter/index.php>.



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# Family fun for everyone

Family Weekend gives families view of students' social, religious, recreational lives

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UD is hosting Family Weekend beginning Sept. 25, offering an opportunity for students' families to visit campus and attend university-sponsored activities.

Family Weekend has a different meaning to various students on campus. For upperclassmen like senior Maggie Wulff, it means taking her parents to Timothy's Bar & Grill and never having to pull out her wallet. For sophomore Meredith Marcinik, it means spending time with her family and experiencing UD's nightlife with other parents.

"My favorite part about the weekend last year was being able to see my parents, because I had never been away from them for that long before," Marcinik said. "I also just loved seeing all of my friends showing their parents around the Ghetto on a typical UD Friday night."

UD has three days of activities planned for families who wish to participate. The weekend of-

ficially begins with a cornhole tournament at the RecPlex Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. The tournament has a \$5 entry fee and participants receive a T-shirt, no matter their success in the game.

"My dad and I have been training all summer for this cornhole tournament," sophomore John Haenszel said. "I'm planning on a victory for sure."

Saturday's festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. at Kennedy Union with a complimentary continental breakfast.

Family Weekend also offers opportunity for exercise. The Thomas J. Frericks Memorial 5k Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m. The race will take place outside of the Frericks Athletic and Convocation Center. There is a \$20 registration fee, if not already registered.

For those families who would rather watch athletics than partake in them, drive over to Welcome Stadium at 11 a.m. to prepare for the 1 p.m. UD vs. Duquesne football game.

"My parents and I [are] going

to the football game," sophomore Carly Ridge said. "We went last year and it was a lot of fun."

Activities right on campus are also offered in the afternoon. Any family can meet outside of Roesch Library for a statues of Mary tour and treasure hunt at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. UD's provost, Dr. Joe Saliba and Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students Sister Annette Schmeling will speak at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the celebration dinner where UD students and their families can meet each other.

For one final organized and food-filled event, Sunday from 8:30 to 10 a.m., McGinnis Center is offering a \$5 pancake breakfast. All profits from Sunday's breakfast go directly to UD's Distance 4 Dreams.

"I will definitely be attending this breakfast, because I love pancakes," Ridge said. "Plus it's awesome that I can help out a good cause by going."

Whether the idea of parents' weekend is touring campus, burning some calories in a 5K,

watching football or a night out in the Ghetto, Family Weekend is a tradition UD students and faculty have enjoyed for years.

## campus watch

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FRIDAY

### FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS

This week's film is "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." The film begins at 9 p.m. in ArtStreet Studio B. This event is FREE and open to the public.

### FAMILY WEEKEND 2009

Enjoy the weekend with friends and family. Check out [www.events.udayton.edu](http://www.events.udayton.edu) for more information on programs and events for you and your family.

### FLICK 'n FLOAT

Come to the RecPlex for swimming and a movie from 10 to 12 p.m.

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UD's El Orgullo Latino (EOL) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs invite you to a FREE salsa lesson in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Come to KU Ballroom from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

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SATURDAY

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Grab your friends and family for a game night from 8 to 11 p.m. Play board games in ArtStreet Café, Twister in ArtStreet Studio C or video games in Studio B.

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SUNDAY

### D4D PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Distance 4 Dreams invites you to a \$5 pancake breakfast in McGinnis Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Funds go toward A Special Wish Foundation.



Families partaking in the 2008 Thomas J. Frericks Memorial 5K enjoyed family weekend that allowed students and their parents to reconnect and experience college together. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY VALERIE MOOR, OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT



# NYC Fashion Week stylin' Snuggies

Last year's fashion-hit Snuggie now famous, worn down designer runways

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If the dorms, apartments or houses are getting a little chilly when fall and winter roll around, utilize the blanket-gone-chic that

has fashion models strutting down the runway in comfort.

Moira Cummins, a junior at the University of Dayton, is right in line with high-end fashion this season. According to Cummins,



Snuggies have made it past university-themed parties and onto the catwalks of New York City's finest fashion designers. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DAYTON DAILY NEWS.

you cannot go wrong with a Snuggie. In fact, the popular Snuggie, a blanket with sleeves, allows you to reach for your cell phone, change the TV station and study, all while staying warm.

Snuggies even made it down the runway of New York Fashion Week, according to [www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com). High-fashion models walked down the runway with the new animal print, tie-dye and camouflage designs using accessories such as remote controls to show the usefulness of this comfortable product. Logos of favorite sport teams are available now, as well. Fashion week also featured Snuggies for children and dogs.

So, what is the hype about the blanket with sleeves and how did the joke that is a Snuggie become such a top seller? Economist and

UD professor, John Herzog may have the answer.

"It depends on the utility of the product and the willingness to buy given quantities of a good at a given price," he said.

In other words, individuals must find comfort or attractiveness in the Snuggie in order to persuade them to buy it. And the price must also be reasonable so that people have a plan to take action and purchase the good, he said.

Cummins first received her Snuggie as a birthday gift from her mother on her 21st birthday. She said when asked what she wanted, it was the first thing that came out of her mouth.

"It was kind of a big joke at first, you saw the info commercials and who didn't laugh?" she said. "But now that I have one, I wouldn't trade it for anything."

She even wore it out on the town to celebrate her 21st birthday. Cummins, dressed in her Snuggie, along with her sister and cousins went to Buffalo Wild Wings on Brown Street and Harrigan's Tavern in Kettering that night to do a little celebrating.

"I wore it all night and because we were the only

ones in the bar we decided to play Irish music," Cummins said. "Of course I was seen Irish dancing in my leopard printed Snuggie."

But this trend-setting fashion piece has made it past the 21st celebrations to become a staple in Cummins' wardrobe.

"I live in my Snuggie," she said. "I can study, I can lounge while watching television with my roommates or I can make lunch."

Cummins isn't the only one following this new trend. Many places, especially college campus, have Snuggie parties and Snuggie bar crawls, where students enjoy a night on the town in their comfortable blankets.

Snuggies can be purchased in many stores now, including places like Target, Walgreens, CVS and JC Penney where they're selling them for the reasonable price of \$14.99.

Will we be seeing a Snuggie party in the Ghetto in the near future? One can only imagine Lowes being crowded with people in their loungewear. As the cold season nears us, instead of beer blankets or North Face jackets, students on campus may be utilizing the high-fashion, high-warmth aspects of the Snuggie to make it out of the house.



Junior Moira Cummins celebrated her 21st birthday in style with a Snuggie. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MOIRA CUMMINS.

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## Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Sept. 20. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

### Theft Sept. 20, 3:34 p.m.

Officer S. Durian was dispatched to Stuart Hall on the report of a computer theft. An 18-year-old male UD student stated that on Sept. 17 at 9:30 p.m., he left his Gateway laptop in its case in his room, and then left for about 15 minutes. When he returned, his laptop, case and computer accessories were missing. The laptop is valued at \$500. There are currently no witnesses or suspects.

### Criminal Damaging Sept. 20, 7:49 a.m.

Officer A. Durian was dispatched to a Stonemill Road residence on the report of a damaged tree. A 45-year-old female UD employee stated that a tree located in the backyard of the Stonemill residence was completely damaged. Officer Durian noticed that it seemed that all of the tree's branches had been broken off. The employee stated the house had a party there.

### Crimingal Damaging Sept. 20, 2:01 p.m.

Officer Weber was dispatched to a Frericks Way residence on the report of criminal damaging to a window. A 21-year-old female UD student stated that at 5 a.m., she heard someone trying to open a window and a door to her house. She opened the door and saw a male presumed UD student who appeared intoxicated. After he left the house, she noticed that her window was damaged, which consisted of a cut screen.

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Junior Matt Szozda shows his skills in Sculpture II class while sculpting and making his own creation. RYAN KOZELKA/MANAGING EDITOR

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Source: WebSudoku.com

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## Peace Corps offers learning, self-growth for students in developing countries

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Students interested in the Peace Corps had a chance to meet with representatives and inquire about the opportunities for volunteering at a promotional event Monday, Sept. 21.

The Peace Corps is an independent U.S. government agency that provides volunteers for more than 70 countries that request assistance in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, the Pacific islands and the Middle East.

"UD is one of 10 sending schools in the Midwest," said UD's director for the Center of International Programs and Peace Corps, Amy Anderson, who is also a Peace Corps alumna.

The Peace Corps is an option students should consider because "there's an opportunity to gain language skills, flexibility, problem solving, using more with less and solutions using local resources," she said.

Anderson said the requirements are conditions that meet the qualifications for the jobs in different countries.

"All skills are transferable, and it's paid so you don't go into debt," she said. "It's two years of solid international experience, as well as growing personally, in a different country, more so, a developing country."

The pay range depends on the local salary, she said.

"You get enough to live on, a living

stipend and every month you get a re-entry allowance," she said.

Volunteers are also placed in different places depending on what their interests are and the areas where Peace Corps needs help.

"Peace Corps assignments vary based on assignment," Anderson said. "The government chooses teachers, science and English teachers, small business development, community health, agriculture, a wide range."

Sarah Edwards, sophomore international studies major from Kalamazoo, Mich., said the Peace Corps sparked her interest and felt a "a strong inclination to joining."

Aside from being able to help the

community she wants to join for personal growth, she said.

"It's a good trade to help an international community and at the same time get a chance to discover yourself," she said.

Why college graduates join the Peace Corps depends on the individual and their own personal motivation, Anderson said.

"When I joined, I was looking for an international experience," she said. "I also thought it was good to help another community."

It varies from wanting a competitive experience for graduate work, a career, and everyone does it.

"Fundamentally, you have to see yourself getting out of your comfort

zone," she said. "It's interesting today, because most countries have cell phones and Internet, so you can stay more connected."

Edwards has countries in mind that stand out to her.

"Currently with my major, it looks like nongovernmental work I'll be doing in Africa," she said. "But Eastern Europe looked really fascinating."

Edwards said the type of work she is looking for is teaching and working with kids.

"I'd like to help teach English or help start a project that I can get a community involved in with their input," she said.

For more information visit <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>.

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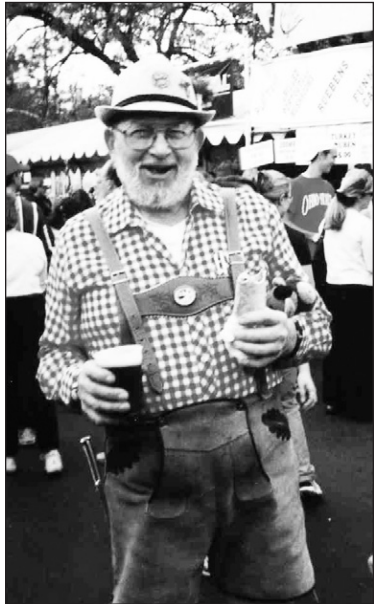
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# Dayton Art Institute kicks off fall with Oktoberfest celebration

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The Dayton Art Institute will host a weekend full of food, beer, wine,



One patron dressed for the part at 2003's Oktoberfest. The 2009 celebration will feature drinks, entertainment and more. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ERICK BROCKMAN

art and live entertainment at its 38th annual Oktoberfest. Presented by MillerCoors and organized by DAI's Associate Board, the celebration will take place from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday.

A preview party will kick off the celebration from 7 to 11 p.m. today. DAI's Oktoberfest preview party is labeled "one of the best parties in town," according to the DAI press release for this weekend's events.

DAI, a museum in downtown Dayton, is in its 90th year. The institute is committed to enriching the community through its collections, exhibitions, educational programs and special events such as Oktoberfest, according to its Web site, [www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org).

The museum's weekend festivities will feature, a "dazzling display of artisan pieces, unique food items, ample domestic, international and craft beers and delicious international wines," according to the press release.

The celebration also includes 20 art vendors, a jewelry raffle, artisan demonstrations and indoor family entertainment, the press release said. According to Erick Brockman, DAI's marketing and communications manager, Oktoberfest has drawn a total of more than 730,000 people since it began in 1972. "Oktoberfest has become one of The Dayton Art Institute's most popular and anticipated events each year," he said.

## how to go

WHAT	Oktoberfest
WHEN	Sat. Noon–11 p.m. Sun. Noon–7 p.m.
WHERE	Dayton Art Institute
COST	\$4 pre-sale \$6 at gate

For more info visit  
[daytonartinstitute.org](http://daytonartinstitute.org)

Throughout past Oktoberfests, the institute has raised over \$3 million.

The money made goes toward the museum and a variety of its programs.

One of the highlights of the celebration this weekend will be the Home Brew Beer Contest in which judges will taste-test samples of beer submitted by individuals in the area.

A panel of judges will pick a winner, runner-up and best label design in each category.

Those will be judged for Best in Show during the event, Brockman said.

Senior Allise Free has been to several Oktoberfests held by other organizations and will be attending DAI's event for the first time this weekend.

"My favorite thing about Oktoberfest is the music," she said. "I just love seeing the different styles and groups that are around Dayton that some people aren't even aware of ... the live bands are one of the major selling points for me."

Free said she is looking forward to the opportunity for students to get off campus and experience what else the city has to offer.

Brockman also said he and his co-workers are excited for Oktoberfest.

"Where else can you get great food, drinks and entertainment, plus see a truly outstanding art collection, all for a ticket price of just \$6?" he said.

Amanda Burks, manager of corporate relations and special events for DAI, said as an employee, she has a different perspective on Oktoberfest than "the average festival-goer."

"Seeing the tents go up, the food and artisan vendors set up, watching the whole event come together ... it's quite an experience," she said. "The energy around the museum is contagious, and I love it."

For tickets prices, free parking and more information about 2009's Oktoberfest celebration, go to [www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org) or call the museum at (937) 223-5277.

# TUCKER MAX'S 'BEER IN HELL' HITS BIG SCREEN

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While living in Boca Raton, Fla., author Tucker Max bought a portable alcohol breathalyzer and took it out with him on a Saturday night.

"I decided that I am going to see how drunk I can get and still be functional," he said in his book. "I know that .35 BAC kills most people. I think that .20 is a good goal."

Excessive drinking is just one of the prevalent themes in Max's 2006 work titled "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell." In 26 stories, he writes about his experiences involving

women, insulting people, sex and more from over 10 years of partying.

A film with the same title, based on these real life adventures, premieres in theaters today. The movie, loosely based on "The Austin Road Trip Story," is about a bachelor party that goes wrong, according to [ihopetheyservebeerinhell.com](http://ihopetheyservebeerinhell.com).

The movie stars Matt Czuchry ("Gilmore Girls") as Tucker Max, Geoff Stults ("Wedding Crashers") as Max's best friend Dan, Jesse Bradford ("Bring It On") as Max's other best friend Drew, and Keri Lynn Pratt ("Jack & Bobby") as Dan's fiancée Kristy.

UD students weighed in with their thoughts on Max and his

adventures chronicled throughout the book and film.

"I was initially attracted to the book after it was recommended to me by a friend," junior Chris Poeschl said. "He claimed it was debauchorous and hilarious, so I decided to give it a shot."

Poeschl said he was not that entertained.

"I enjoyed it at first," he said. "As a guy, I can appreciate the story of an occasional crazy night and yes, Tucker's are pretty epic. However, about halfway through, it became clear that those were the only kinds of nights he had."

Poeschl said he could not bring himself to read another story and

did not finish Max's book.

"I think it was the repetition of too-similar stories that really turned me off," he said. "It was just dumb after awhile."

In contrast, junior Sarah Kemme said she enjoyed Max's stories. She decided to pick up the book to keep herself entertained on the way to Daytona, Fla., with friends.

"[During the drive] we took turns reading it out loud," she said. "After Daytona, I went home and bought the book so that I could re-read it."

Kemme warns students against some of the material in Max's book.

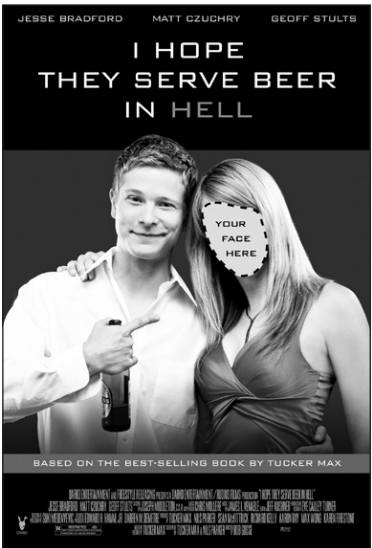
"I'm sure plenty of girls are offended by it, but I could care less," she said. "It's hilarious and vulgar, but his vulgarity is actually expressed through well-articulated and intelligent humor."

Kemme said she enjoyed the book mostly because Max is honest and tells "the truth about how guys are" in an entertaining manner.

Sophomore Meagan Leach also found the book enjoyable.

"I am going to see the movie," she said. "The book was really, really funny. It had a very graphic sense of humor though, so I wouldn't suggest it to anyone who can't really handle that."

Poeschl, however, is sticking with his original sentiments about the book in regards to the movie.



Junior Sara Kemme called Tucker Max's "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" "hilarious and vulgar." The film based on the best-selling book premieres in theaters today. COURTESY OF [IHOPETHEYSERVEBEERINHELL.COM](http://IHOPETHEYSERVEBEERINHELL.COM)

"I seriously can't believe that somebody read this book and decided to make a movie out of it," he said. "I've seen the preview, and it just looks awful. And really, the whole 'crazy bender of a weekend' movie has been done. 'The Hangover,' maybe?"

For more information on "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell," go to [tuckermx.com](http://tuckermx.com). To find out more about the film opening in theaters today, go to [www.ihopetheyservebeerinhell.com](http://www.ihopetheyservebeerinhell.com).

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# PLAY PUSHES BOUNDARIES

Student-directed performance of 'Eurydice' takes Boll Theater stage this weekend, retells classic Greek myth from female's perspective

EMILY WOLFGANG

Staff Writer

"Eurydice," the classic Greek myth of life, love and death will be performed this weekend at Kennedy Union's Boll Theater under senior Reed Motz's direction.

The play is based off the classic story of Orpheus, a figure in Greek mythology derived from Ovid's "Metamorphoses" poems, and his wife Eurydice, who was killed the same day they were married. As the play's title suggests, "Eurydice," written by playwright Sarah Ruhl, retells the classic myth of Orpheus from the female perspective.

Motz, a senior English and theatre major who started directing last year, is putting on "Eurydice" as part of his honor's thesis. Motz's thesis is based on using Ovid's myth, "Metamorphoses," to push the boundaries of theater.

"I thought this ['Eurydice'] was the best example of mainstream, interpretative theater when it came to classical myth," Motz said.

According to Motz, "Eurydice" may have a more surreal and abstract plot, but it deals with issues and relationships audience members may find significant.

"I think it's actually a really relatable play ... relationships between child and parent, and two people who are very much in love," Motz said. "It's very traditional in that respect."

Lindsay Hill, who plays the part of Eurydice, agreed.

"I see her [Eurydice] as being the college age," she said. "He's [Orpheus] the first guy she's ever been in love with."

The play is being organized by Studio Theatre, a student-run organization which mainly performs out of the Black Box in the Music and Theater Building. Opposite from main stage productions, which are faculty run and university sponsored, Motz explained studio theatre is more "experimental."

Like Motz, cast members, who are all volunteers, said they believe "Eurydice" is a valuable play to put on at UD.

"A lot of times the media portrays the wrong image," Hill said. "[It will be] cool for college kids to see a real loving relationship between a guy and girl and father and daughter."

Robb Willoughby, a professional actor and playwright from Xenia,



Students Lindsay Hill and Tim Gorman rehearse for the play "Eurydice" Sept. 18 in Boll Theater. The actors will star as Eurydice and Orpheus in performances this weekend.

LAURA MACK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Ohio, will also join the group of performers. He will play the role of Eurydice's father.

"Eurydice is both a wacky and incredibly moving play ... a terrific challenge for the performers," he said.

According to Sarah Meyer, stage manager for the production, the cast has been rehearsing for this performance since Sept. 2 for two hours a night, seven days a week. According to Motz, they only had three weeks to prepare, which is about half the time of normal productions.

"Once the play starts, it no longer belongs to me," Motz said.

Meyer will take over to call the lights and sound and will make sure

everything runs smoothly from there, Motz said.

"I like being hidden and taking care of everything," Meyer said. "It's not my job to be visible; it's my job to make everyone else look good."

Motz said he trusts everyone involved in his production.

"It's been a very intense project, he said. "So I think I might just want to sit in the house and watch it."

Following graduation in May 2010, Motz is hoping to find a job with a theater company in Chicago or New York.

"Eurydice" will run this weekend only, today and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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# forum

“The shackles of restraint are melted in the light of truth.”

Marvin L. Pickering, plaintiff in 1968 Supreme Court case, *Pickering v. Board of Education*, 2001

fneditorial

## COMPROMISE:

UD AND OAKWOOD MUST MEET IN THE MIDDLE

Oakwood is often a subject of tension for UD students, especially for those who live on Irving Avenue. As a university that prides itself on its sense of community, it's important to take the initiative to improve the relationship between UD students and Oakwood residents. According to the Irving neighborhood fellow, Charles Sizemore, Oakwood residents are tolerant of parties on campus, as long as the partying is “in the backyard or out of view.”

Basically, Oakwood residents are saying they are fine with students being outside together, as long as they do not see it happening. This is a somewhat impractical request, and is unfair to the students. By the same token, it is reasonable for students to expect that Oakwood residents stay out of their front yards.

Some students who live on Irving have said they do not go on their porches with friends, as they do not want Oakwood residents to call the police. The concept of the porch is a key symbol of community on our campus, and students should not have to avoid it.

UD students are also residents of Irving. They live on the street, too. They pay to reside in their houses. They have every right to be on their front yard with other students without feeling subject to public scrutiny.

Students do not try to control the lives of Oakwood residents across the street, so why should they try to control us?

Communication on this issue must be two-sided. Students and residents must work together to come to terms that both sides accept. There are neighborhood meetings from both sides of the street. This is behavior that should be encouraged. That is what a true community is all about. And community does not stop at the end of UD's property line.

It's great that students are working to communicate more with Oakwood residents, but we sincerely hope that Oakwood residents also hear the students' views and remember that students live on Irving Avenue, too.

## Gratitude:

Student challenges campus to take the initiative to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate



MICHAEL MILLER FRESHMAN

On a spring break trip last year, I fell in love. It was amazing. And I did not need to flirt, use pick-up lines or impress anyone- it really was love at first sight. It happened in Reynosa, Mexico, and it was an 8-year-old boy named Yovani who won over my heart.

I had come to Reynosa on a school-sponsored mission trip to build homes for the homeless. We flew into McAllen, Texas, and drove across the border to Reynosa in white, unmarked vans. In a matter of 15 minutes, everything around us changed. It was like entering a whole other world. The poverty and living conditions were breathtaking. It was hard not to ask yourself, “How did people ever let this happen?”

My group of 13 students and adults was assigned to build a house for Yovani's family upon arriving. The land on which we would build their new house overlooked the Rio Grande River. We were only about 50 yards from the U.S. border and in one of the poorest areas of the western hemisphere.

The organization we volunteered

for, Strategic Alliance, kept us hydrated, well-fed and safe, but the trip was certainly not a vacation. We would arrive at the work site by 8 a.m. and stay until dark. The days were long and hot, with the heat index over 100 degrees in the afternoon. Guys had to wear jeans to go along with local customs, which made it even hotter.

Each group split up into two parts, construction and painting. Even when exhausted, it was never difficult to stay motivated. All I had to do was look over at the family's current make shift home; cardboard boxes and plastic pieces covering dirty, ragged mattresses, and I suddenly didn't feel as tired. The houses we built were nothing spectacular. They were about the size of a dorm room (Founders, not Marianist) and without running water or electricity. But for our entire family, it would be the first night in their lives that they slept under a roof, with an actual bed on a hardwood floor, instead of dirt.

Although the hard work that I put into building the house was gratifying, the real blessings on the trip were the relationships I formed. In between painting walls and constructing windows and doors, there was plenty of time to play with the kids and get to know the locals.

Every day after lunch, Yovani and I would go to a field nearby and kick around a soccer ball we brought for the kids. We yelled out player's names from the Mexican and U.S. na-

tional teams and celebrated goals. At best I speak some form of Spanglish, but I learned quickly that smiles and laughter are universal.

One particular afternoon when we finished playing soccer, Yovani and I were just catching our breath behind the construction, overlooking the river. A question came to my mind that I still can't answer: When did that border, or any border for that matter, become more important than the lives of the human beings who lived across it? Yovani is an amazing little kid who deserves nothing but the best. Yet because of where he was born, he faces challenges we can hardly imagine. If Yovani had been born just 50 yards north, half of a football field, he would not face many of the hardships his life will inevitably present. I refuse to accept that.

Even if I cannot answer the question of how this happened, I can do my part to change the situation and improve the lives of the locals in Reynosa. I challenge other students and faculty members to join me in this effort. I hope to start a UD Mission Mexico and build more houses in Reynosa for homeless families. After all, I promised Yovani I would come back to try and finally beat him in soccer. (He, and Mexico, always won.) If you have any interest in joining me, as a student or faculty member, please contact me at michaelmiller845@gmail.com.

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## Word on the street...

What are you doing for Family Weekend?



“My entire family is coming—mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, three cousins and a cousin's girlfriend.”

**GARY FRENCH, SENIOR**  
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“We're going to a cornhole tournament.”

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“I'm taking my parents to Crazy Hour at Bargo's.”

**CARLY HENSLEY, JUNIOR**  
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# letters to the editor

## “Hump Day” sex column not consistent with Catholic ideals

Why did excerpts from Nikki Signer’s “Hump Day” sex column, written for the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s student paper “The Badger Herald,” appear in the *Flyer News* on the “Letters to the Editor” page (9/22/09)?

I understand the seduction of using UWire to come up with content for the paper, but I must ask, of all the articles available on UWire, wasn’t there something else that could have been used to fill the space on page 13? Something about Afghanistan? Or health care? Or even a free advertisement for a Flyer football game or an event going on at ArtStreet?

I give the *Flyer News* staff credit for choosing to edit out some of Ms. Signer’s more offensive passages (such as promoting the use of porn and masturbation to help you learn to reach orgasm with your partner); however, knowing that editorial decisions were made, I’m wondering why the staff and adviser Dr. Lain allowed any of the article to appear.

More importantly, Ms. Signer’s statement that “morality is not, and never has been, a one-size-fits-all concept,” is inconsistent with the Catho-

lic faith tradition, which recognizes the existence of universal moral norms and truth found in Christ Jesus. Pope John Paul II, in his 1993 encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, cautions that “certain currents of modern thought have gone so far as to exalt freedom to such an extent that it becomes an absolute, which would then be the source of values ... so much so that some have come to adopt a radically subjectivist conception of moral judgment” (VS, 32). Ms. Signer’s column is a sad example of this reality. The sexual freedom advocated by Ms. Signer is detached and uprooted from truth and moral norms. Her promotion of porn and sexual licentiousness as an end in itself demeans the dignity of humans who are made in the image of our Creator God.

I would ask that the *Flyer News* staff exercise more prudence in determining the content of the paper in the future.

**MAURA DONAHUE, PH.D.**  
DIRECTOR, PROGRAM FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

## Sustainability efforts commendable, but Dayton still needs improvements



MAGGIE MALACH OPINIONS EDITOR

I carry a metal water bottle, I recycle and my roommate wants to save the world one dolphin at a time. I am all for the university taking an eco-friendly initiative.

I am sure that by now all of the students are familiar with some of the measures the campus is taking. We are accustomed to dropping off our full trays on conveyor belts, and we have all seen the dramatic symbolically locked dumpster in KU. For the most part, I am a huge proponent of these changes.

One aspect that I am questioning, however, is the new “to go” containers. I think that they are awesome in concept. Yes, they are biodegradable. Yay, we’re helping the environment!

There are a few catches. First, in order for these containers to be disposed of, they must be returned to a cafeteria. Also, stu-

dents are paying an additional cost to have these containers. I understand the reason behind this price increase, but that money adds up, and students with meal plans could probably pay for close to an extra day of meals each week that they have to incur this tax. To avoid this extra fee, students living in dorms often get food on the cafeteria’s glass dishes and actually bring them up to their rooms, something I am sure that Dining Services does not condone.

One problem that I did not expect with the containers is the quality. One of my friends got spaghetti last week from KU, and by the time he made it to ArtStreet, the dinner had seeped through the container and on to his shoes.

Again, I am proud that the university is taking steps to be more eco-friendly, and that most of these methods are beneficial. I do, however, encourage Dayton to look at the container situation and see if we cannot find an equally efficient but more suitable way of handling take out orders.

## AT UD, ‘WORKING HARD’ JUST AS IMPORTANT AS ‘PLAYING HARD’

Here at UD, our motto is “work hard, play hard.” The “play hard” part is always easy and usually comes naturally to the average student. But the “work hard” part is much more difficult.

Often, students procrastinate with their work so much that it builds up and becomes overwhelming. Most students find themselves staying up extremely late during weekday nights and, sometimes, all-nighters seem like a necessity.

It is said that the average adult should be getting eight hours of sleep every night. Living on campus here, that statistic seems almost impossible to be applied to the average student. In a study conducted by Texas A&M University, it was found that 74 percent of college students struggle with getting enough sleep. That is not as shocking compared to the next two statistics they presented. About 40 percent of college students get less than seven hours of sleep every week night (Monday through Friday) and 26 percent of students received a significant lower grade on an exam

or course, or had to drop the course because of sleep difficulties. Why is it so impossible in college to get a good night’s rest?

One major contribution is stress. It is a very demanding lifestyle being a college student, both mentally and emotionally. With the buildup of all the demanding work, it is easy to sometimes feel like one is in over their head. The amount of work is challenging at times, and when nothing is accomplished during the week-ends, students find themselves working late hours.

The college lifestyle is not ideal for getting prime sleep. When one drinks alcohol, it does help him or her go to bed quicker, but quality of sleep is the consequence, seeing that alcohol makes you wake up spontaneously and frequently throughout the night. Also, the change of environment is shocking sometimes to your sleep cycle; living in a dorm can be extremely distracting. How can one sleep better in college?

I have found strategies to help me out with getting a proper and decent

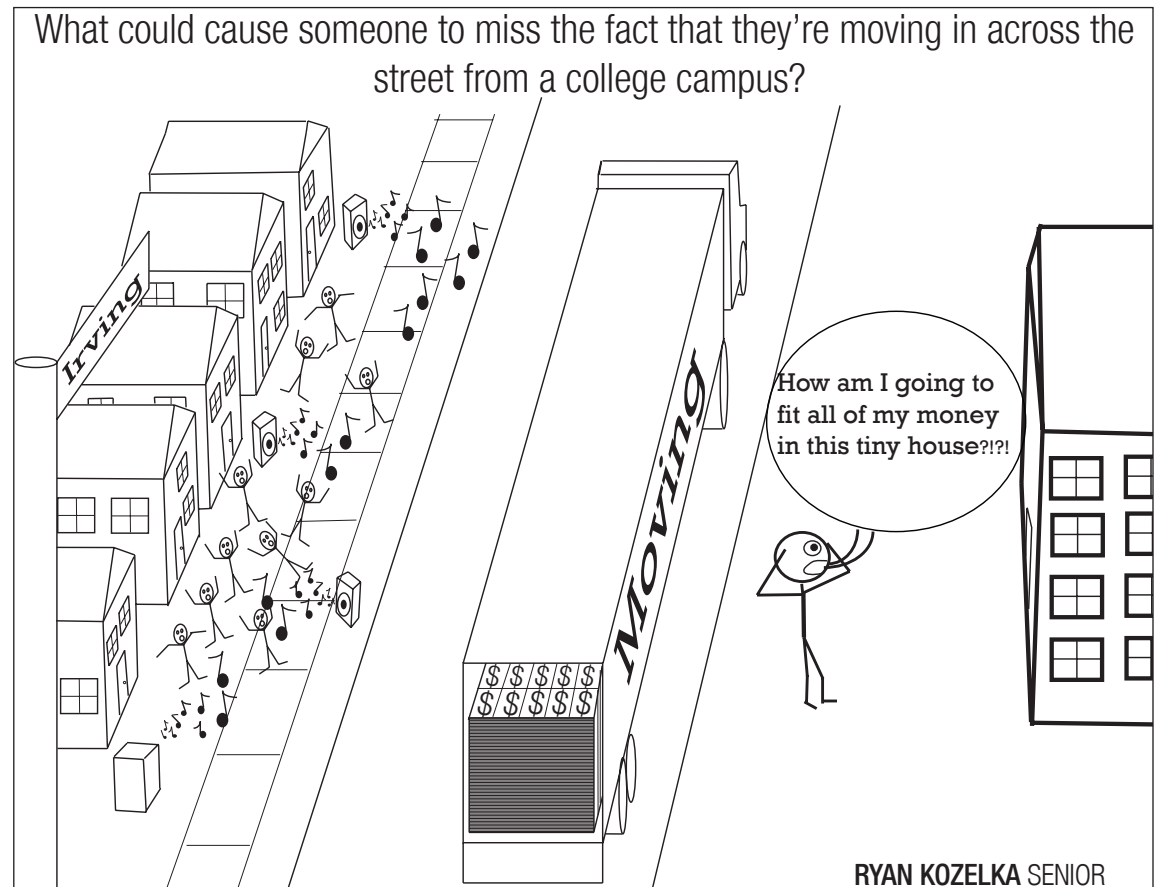
amount of sleep every night. Having “white noise,” such as a fan or a nature noise CD helps significantly.

It is recommended that college students get on a sleeping schedule, even if it is just for the week, to adjust their body to particular times when sleep is appropriate. Taking a hot shower or doing a relaxing activity before bed can really help one improve his or her quality of sleep, as well as help them fall asleep faster. Another tip says it is good to stop eating two hours before you plan to go to bed and to not work out three hours before sleep. Ideally, with all these achieved, quality sleep seems reachable, but it is difficult to apply these to our daily routines.

With all the distractions and anxieties that come with living at college, sleep seems like it will never be the same for the four years that we are here at UD. But as long as we make it to the weekend, we have survived another “hell week.”

**KELSEY FITZPATRICK**

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## Volleyball

# Rivalry renewed for first time this year

Volleyball will be first sport to play Xavier in the fall; Muskies visiting Frericks Center Friday

**JACOB ROSEN**

Chief Sports Writer

Don't look now, but the first Dayton-Xavier game is upon us.

The rivalry of Interstate 75 continues as the Flyer volleyball team takes on the Musketeers at the Frericks Center tonight at 7 p.m.

Dayton will look to rebound Friday as the team enters the week coming off their first losses of the year and will look to execute revenge against the Musketeers in their opening game of the Atlantic-10 schedule this season.

Two weeks ago, the home team dominated the Dayton Flyer Classic in winning all three games before improving to 10-0 with a victory in the opener of the Michigan/Adidas Invitational this past weekend. Trailing 0-2 in the match against Oregon State, the Flyers rallied yet again to maintain their perfect record and impress Coach Kelly Sheffield.

"Against Oregon State, I was as proud of this team as I have ever been," said Sheffield. "I think a lot of teams would quit

being down 0-2 in a match."

It was the second match in a row where Dayton rallied to win despite facing a two-set deficit.

The Flyers then tasted the agony of defeat for the first time in 2009 with back-to-back losses against #6 Michigan on Friday night and then Marquette on Saturday. Sheffield remained optimistic despite the disappointing results in the tournament, citing his team's endurance in close games throughout the season thus far and the tough strength of schedule.

"We have been in a lot of close games and overall, we have responded pretty well," he said. Sheffield said 17 of 47 sets this season have been decided by three points or less. Dayton holds a 9-8 advantage in these games and is 3-1 in deciding fifth games.

With the bulk of the non-conference schedule completed, the Flyers now return home for two straight weeks to play four games at the Frericks Center. The Xavier contest kick-starts the home stand that also includes match-ups against a local opponent in Cincinnati and

two more A-10 teams in Temple and La Salle.

The first I-75 game of the year should be entertaining as the two teams feature very different styles on the court. Dayton did not lose a set to the Musketeers last season, but a lot has changed this year as all of the key contributors returned for Xavier while Dayton has only one senior.

Dayton was the runner-up in the A-10 in 2008 and currently leads the conference in three main offensive categories including hit percentage, kills per set and service aces per set. Xavier on the other hand, features an up-tempo style that works against the strengths of the Flyers.

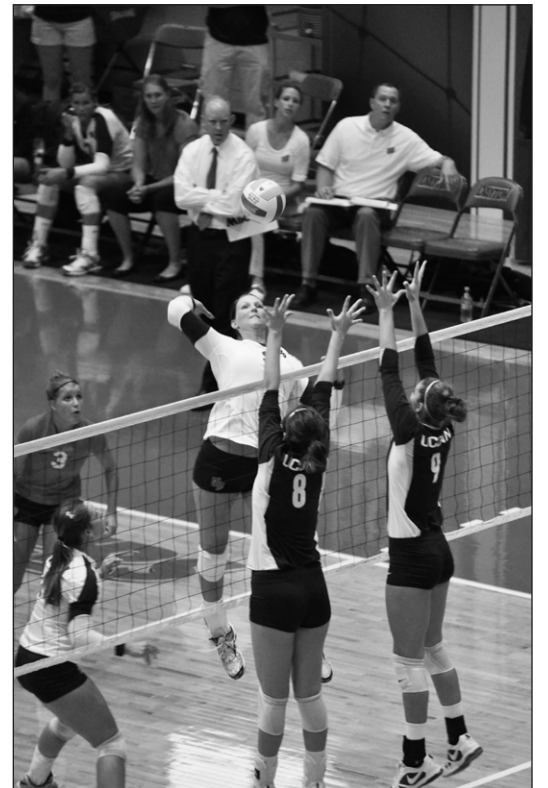
According to Sheffield, Xavier is similar to a team they played last week in Marquette in that they use their speed to their advantage and try to force opponents out of their comfort levels. He anticipates that matching up against the physicality of the Dayton attack will be tricky for the visiting rivals.

The big force for the Flyers will be red-hot junior middle blocker Lindsay Fletemier. The 6'6" All-

American is racking up league honors already. She leads the conference in hit percentage, is second in kills and is the only A-10 player averaging more than a block per set at 1.30. She won A-10 Co-Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season following the weekend tournament in Michigan.

Defensive specialist Chelsy Christoff, the lone senior on the Dayton squad, will be playing her final home contest against Xavier tonight.

"I am really excited to start playing conference. This is what it is all about and to start right away with a home game against Xavier is awesome," she said.



Junior Lindsay Fletemier winds up for a kill against UConn earlier this season. Fletemier and the Flyers are coming back home this weekend to take on their biggest rival, Xavier. RYAN KOZELKA/MANAGING EDITOR

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### Volleyball

Friday, Sept. 25 vs. Xavier 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. vs. Cincinnati 7 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

Friday, Sept. 25 vs. SIU Edwardsville 8:30 PM

### Women's Soccer

Friday, Sept. 25 vs. Temple 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27 at George Washington

### Football

Saturday, Sept. 26 vs. Duquesne

### Cross Country

Saturday, Sept. 26 Roy Griak Invitational, St. Paul Minnesota

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The number of games that are being played tonight at Baujan Field. Both the men's and women's teams have matches in a rare double header. The women play first and open up their A-10 Conference season against the Temple Owls at 6 p.m. The men square off against SIU Edwardsville at 8:30 p.m.

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The Dayton women's soccer team is one of only 20 teams of the more than 300 in NCAA Division I women's soccer that remains unbeaten this year.

368

The UD football team has not been shut out in 368 straight games, the best such active string in all of college football. The last team to shut out the Flyers was Marshall which notched a 9-0 win on Oct. 16, 1976.

# Run produces unforgettable experience

## United States Air Force Half Marathon provides irreplaceable lessons; pain all over

**NATE WAGGENSPACK**

Sports Editor

During a race, lots of thoughts go swimming through one's head.

The first thought to run through mine at the Air Force Half Marathon was, "What am I doing up here?"

Maybe not the best way to mentally begin a race, but it was well warranted. I was standing and stretching in the starting time zone for runners hoping to run between



I come down the runway at the Air Force Half Marathon. With the end in site, I chugged along. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIGHTROOM, INC.

one hour and an hour and a half. My goal was 1:20:00, so it seemed like the appropriate place for me to be.

I couldn't help but feel out of place though, standing among the incredibly lean, almost emaciated bodies of some real runners, jumping around in their singlets. I was the only one in the group wearing a T-shirt.

That is how the race started for me, in the lead pack at a distance I had never run before, in an event I had no plans of placing in the top 10, let alone winning.

To make a long story short, I didn't win the race, or place in the top 10, or even stay with that lead group. My legs never felt quite right and my stride never really opened up. At mile four, I was already running alone and bored.

Things didn't seem to be going very well. I had been passed by tons of runners and was getting a bit negative. Not the attitude to get when there are still over eight miles to go. "Crap, why did I get into this?" was my next thought.

Around mile four I passed the volunteers at the Rock 'n' Roll Waterhole. With shouts of "Someone call the fire marshal, they're burning up the course!" and their cheesy poetic signs encouraging

runners to keep going, the folks at the Waterhole kept me going.

Miles five and six came and went, and finally, I was past the halfway point. The first clock since mile one was at the seven mile marker and it read 46:42 when I passed. My thoughts about running poorly were completely wrong, I was only a couple minutes slow at mile seven. "Not too shabby," I thought. "Now let's get to that finish line."

Joy quickly turned to disgust as I came by the GU handouts just moments later. GU is an electrolytic gel that is easy to eat and important for recharging during the race. It is also disgusting. Three slurps were all I could take, and I kicked that packet of strawberry nasty to the curb. "Ugh," I thought.

I chugged along and finally got into a groove, perhaps because any feeling in my legs was gone.

Another shout out goes to the heavy metal band Forces of Nature, who were setting up and started going ballistic when I ran by them around mile 10. "That was unexpected," I thought.

After mile 10 of a race, a surreal feeling starts to set in. I literally no longer felt my legs, but my breathing was calm. "Just a 5k to go," I thought. It was just like any

cross country race now.

On and on the road stretched, with a couple cruel uphill. The mile markers could not come fast enough. There was no turning back now. Joe Dirt came into my head at this point. "Keep on keepin' on, brother," he said to me.

"Thanks, Joe Dirt," I thought.

Finally the base was back in sight. My legs had feeling again. I chugged along.

13.1 miles and 99 minutes after the start, it was over. I stumbled through the finish line, my quads almost giving out. I was given water and a medal. I headed back to the food area, only to realize that I really didn't want to eat anything. I passed on bananas, oranges, bagels, cookies and pizza. All that tasted good was Nesquik (maybe it sounds weird, but trust me, try it).

1:29:30. The time that was the result of two months of training, including that stupid 12 mile run down and back on the bike path when I lost my room key. Going to bed and waking up early, missing out on some parties with friends, none of this mattered when the race was over and endorphins kicked in. There was only one thought going through my head then, "It was worth it."

## FRERICKS 5K RACE OFFERS FUN FOR FAMILY WEEKEND

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How far would you go to help UD students? A mile? Two? How about just over three?

The 18th annual Thomas J. Frericks Memorial 5K Run/Walk gives that opportunity to students, family and area runners this weekend.

Nearly 500 runners and walkers have entered the race so far, according to Dr. Peter Titlebaum, assistant professor at the University of Dayton. Titlebaum said the race is being organized by sports management majors, which is within the School of Education and Allied Professions.

The proceeds from the race go to the John R. Schleppi Sport Management Career Enhancement Fund. The goal of the fund is to help one sport management major make the transition from the classroom to the working field. Specifically, the money will be used to enable the student to attend a conference, study abroad or help pay for an internship.

Not only is this a good chance to help UD students, it can also be made a family event, as the race is held during Family Weekend. Plus, it's a good chance to honor a man—Frericks—who had a positive

impact on the community.

Frericks was UD's athletic director for 21 years. He is credited with the building of UD Arena, which was considered state-of-the-art when it was built in 1969. Frericks also came up with the idea of the "sneaker exchange." When former NBA player Jim Paxson was going to try out for the Dayton basketball team he couldn't afford to buy a pair of shoes, so Frericks lent him a pair of shoes.

In honor of that, there will be a sneaker exchange at the race. There will be a booth for show donations.

Runners will span campus Saturday morning, when the race starts in front of the law school building on College Park Avenue and ends in front of the Frericks Center.

According to Titlebaum, having the students organize the race is a stressful time but also very rewarding.

"The best part of the race is when it's over," he said. "It's a very stressful time for me and for my students running the

race. But at the same time, it's a great thing to put on a résumé."

There will be race-day

registration in front of the Frericks center. The entry fee is \$20 and the race starts at 10 a.m.

## how to go

**WHAT**

Thomas J. Frericks Memorial 5K Run/Walk

**WHEN**

Saturday, 10 a.m.

**WHERE**

Frericks Center

**COST**

\$20, proceeds go to John R. Schleppi Sport Management Career Enhancement Fund

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## Team captain gets the job done no matter where coaches place him

### PLAYER PROFILE

STEVE VALENTINO, WIDE RECEIVER

**111.75**  
passer efficiency

**400**  
all purpose yards

**3**  
touchdowns

**JOHN BEDELL**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Steve Valentino is used to being moved around.

The senior wide receiver was originally recruited by the football coaching staff as a quarterback. But in the four seasons he's been with the Flyers he's played just about anywhere but QB.

"When we were recruiting him, his (high school) coach said, 'He's not a quarterback, but he's such a good athlete that we wanted to keep the ball in his hands,'" head coach Rick Chamberlin said. "And we could see that on film. Not a real big guy. But our thought was we'll recruit him as an athlete and then be able to move him to a position like wide receiver or corner back".

After the recruiting process was over, then-head coach Mike Kelly and his staff saw that Valentino's class wasn't deep at quarterback. So Valentino remained the scout team QB as a freshman and sophomore to develop behind established signal callers Kevin Hoyng and Rob Florian. But when Hoyng graduated and Florian became the starter last season, push came to shove for Chamberlin and his staff.

"We said, we gotta get Valentino onto the field," Chamberlin said. "He's too good of an athlete. We thought let's put him at wide receiver since he was an offensive

guy and he blossomed that spring. And then he really took off through summer camp [of 2008]."

Valentino was also the kickoff and punt return specialist, designated punt blocker and holder on field goals last year.

After taking some snaps at quarterback in an offensive set of the same style as the Wildcat in 2008, Valentino got a chance to start

school."

He added that starting at quarterback against Robert Morris last week was "nerve wracking." If you looked at his stat line from the game, you'd never guess he was nervous. He lit up the Colonials with two touchdown passes on 14 of 29 passing for 192 yards and added 21 carries for 58 yards rushing for good measure in the Flyers' 21-14 win.

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**Rick Chamberlin**  
Head football coach

at QB as a Flyer last week against Robert Morris. Although the injury situation has to be dire for Valentino to play (the team's first and second options Timmy Fogarty and Jared Phillips are currently injured) Chamberlin is glad to have Valentino as an emergency safety blanket.

"That kind of depth is immeasurable, it really is," Chamberlin said. "It's worked so well to have a guy like that not just as an athlete but as a young man that enjoys the challenge and is football smart. And all that's an exclamation mark on how good of an athlete he is when you can put a young man in two totally different positions like that."

Valentino said that the adjustment to playing QB in a game the first time since high school was a challenging task, but one he was ready for.

"The speed obviously from high school to college is the biggest thing," Valentino said. "You can't wait to see who's open. You have to know your reads before hand and that's a huge difference from high

Valentino plays both wide receiver and quarterback well but which does he like to play better? "Wide receiver," Valentino said. "They both have their positives but the quarterback gets the ball every play. I think quarterback might be growing on me."

Chamberlin agrees with Valentino.

"Wide receiver. No doubt," Chamberlin said. "He's a receiver playing quarterback. He did fine as the quarterback but his forte is out there running routes, catching the ball and making people miss. He's a real threat out there."

Valentino will likely play QB again this week against Duquesne while Fogarty and Phillips take time to heal. After the Dukes come to town, Chamberlin said he's unsure whether or not Valentino will be needed behind center.

One thing is for sure, though. Wherever Valentino plays for the Flyers, he'll be making big plays and doing all he can to drive Dayton to victory.

Senior wide receiver, kick returner, field goal holder and emergency quarterback Steve Valentino has made quite a mark while playing for Dayton. Valentino burst onto the scene last year, earning all Pioneer Football League honors at wide out. This year has started off a bit differently, as Valentino has had to step in and play quarterback more due to team injuries. He led the Flyers to victory against Robert Morris and looks to win again when they square off with Duquesne. RYAN KOZELKA/MANAGING EDITOR

## WEEKEND MATCHUP

**Duquesne Dukes at Dayton Flyers**

*Saturday Sept. 26*

*1 p.m. - Welcome Stadium - Dayton, Ohio*